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TAGS: CASC (GROVE, THOMAS ARTHUR)

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1. PARA 3 REFTTEL CONTAINS SEVERAL MISCONCEPTIONS ON PART OF REV. GROVE WHICH WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE CLARIFIED WITH HIM.

2. AL READ HAS NOT AGREED TO SUPERVISE TREK OR TO CHOOSE PORTERS. SCHEINMAN HAS NO CONNECTION WITH READ, MOUNTAIN TRAVELS, GABRIEL CAMPBELL, DR. PARKER, DR. OLDHAM, OR THE UNITED MISSION TO NEPAL, ALL OF WHOM REV. GROVE HAS CONTACTED. SCHEINMAN IS A JUST-FINISHED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH TOM GROVE AND WHO WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST BY ORGANIZING THE SEARCH. HE HAS BEEN IN NEPAL JUST OVER THREE YEARS, SPEAKS NEPALI AND TIBETAN, AND HAS MANY NEPALESE FRIENDS, SOME OF WHO ARE FROM THE AREA WHERE TOM'S PAPERS WERE FOUND. EMBASSY HAS MADE CLEAR TO SCHEINMAN THAT WE ARE ACTING IN A MERELY FACILITATIVE ROLE.

3. INQUIRY REGARDING MEDICAL EXPENSES WAS INTENDED TO REFER TO POSSIBLE MEDICAL EXPENSES OF SCHEINMAN AND GUARDALABENE. THEY NO LONGER HAVE PEACE CORPS MEDICAL COVERAGE, AND WOULD LIKE ASSURANCES THAT SHOULD THEY MEET TROUBLE ON THE TRAIL, THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES WOULD BE TAKE CARE OF. HOWEVER, ASSURANCE OF EXPENSE PAYMENT FOR TOM GROVE ALSO USEFUL.

4. PLEASE INFORM REF. GROVE OF THE ABOVE IN ORDER TOO
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OBVIATE POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN CONNECTION

WITH HIS COMMITMENT OF FUNDS.

5. SCHEINMAN WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE HICKS GO ALONG ON
SEARCH. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS CASE WITH HICKS AND HOFFMAN.
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